



SFS Zoom Reunion Coming Soon

By Sylvia Gobel

The Spokane Folklore Society is planning a Zoom Reunion for our membership

We plan to schedule this sometime during September on a Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm when we would normally be dancing. We would like to have a short program at the beginning so if any of you musicians would like to perform a tune or two from your home that would be great. Please let us know. We would then like to have chat time on how we can stay connected with future Zoom events such as concerts or more reunions and other ideas you may have.

See you on Zoom Soon. What a boon!

(Sorry, Sylvia, I couldn't resist adding that on—editor)



The Woman's Club Needs Our Help!

By Penn Fix



The COVID crisis has impacted all of us in so many ways. We can't dance! And the Woman's Club can't collect rent. Without this income, they are struggling to meet their ongoing expenses.

Even if we aren't dancing, we can all help by making a donation to The Woman's Club. It is very simple, just go to their website www.womansclub.org. You can pay by credit card, pay pal, or check.

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SFS Mission

The purpose of the Spokane Folklore Society shall be to promote a broader community awareness and involvement in cultural folk traditions, such as music, dance, and other folk arts through such social and educational events as concerts, dances, festivals, workshops, lectures, demonstrations, and newsletters.

www.spokanefolklore.org

Are You on the SFS E-List?

By Sylvia Gobel

The SFS E-List is used to send e-mail reminder announcements about SFS events and other folk and international events in the community. We'll notify you about SFS contra dances, and other regional contra dances, the Inland Northwest Bluegrass Association monthly showcase, KPBX Kids Concerts and many other performance opportunities from our talented local artists.

If you would like to find someone to carpool to a regional dance or a camp please send your request to the E-List To sign up please send your request to dancer@moxxee.com.

You must be a member of the Spokane Folklore Society to receive

E-list announcements.



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Calendar of Folky Fun

Note: Since the Woman's Club has refinished the dance floor, please designate a comfortable pair of shoes to be your dance shoes and never wear them outside. Thank you!

September 2020

Contra Dances in Spokane—postponed until further notice. Dances will resume based on directives from the Governor of the State - Check our website for updates.

The annual Fall Arts Preview has been cancelled for September 2020.

INBMA Bluegrass Showcases have been cancelled until Washington enters into Stage 4. Visit their [website](#) for more info and pictures and links of past events.

Covid Dancing—Folk Anyone?

By Karen Wilson-Bell

Editor's note: I interviewed Karen via email to find out her ideas about continuing to dance during the pandemic. And, while I was at it, I asked her a few more questions about her activities in the SFS. Here is what she wrote:

Even though I'm staying at home, I've been folk dancing all around the world, attending virtual dance camps and workshops. The Folk Dance Federation website, folkdance.com has introduced a gallery of folk dance instructional and demo clips. Visit <http://folkdance.com/videos> to browse the collection, learn some new dances, or review old ones - 24/7.

I started folk and square dancing in Girl Scouts. When I went to college (WSU) I joined the WSU Folk Dancers and since then have continued dancing wherever I went.

I joined the Spokane Folklore Society in 2007, when I moved here from Torrance, CA. My sister gave me the meeting times and address of the Woman's Club and I found a group of dancing friends. I served on the Board of Directors for six years, five of them as President.

My favorite thing about SFS is the live music. During my self-isolation I'm taking ukulele lessons and singing along.

My advice for fellow members: take advantage of the opportunities to hear our local musicians on Facebook and YouTube. Subscribe to our e-list to find out more about these opportunities.

Editor: In addition to calling at contra dances, Karen leads International Folk Dancing twice a month at her home (during normal times). Will we see her and her uke in the jam band some day?...

Invite: If you have a method that works for you, please share it with me and I'll publish what I can in this newsletter—spofosnewsletter@gmail.com.



Karen Wilson-Bell



Examples of hand-painted china, such as ladies painted circa 1905—these were painted by a Mrs. Boston, close friend of Marina's great grandmother and is probably similar to those painted at the Woman's Club.

SPOKANE FALL FOLK FESTIVAL 2020 IS GOING VIRTUAL!



The setting is changing but the genres remain the same! The Spokane Fall Folk Festival Steering Committee has decided to bring the 2020 Festival to the safety of everyone's homes with a virtual program.

We are thrilled to announce that Spokane Public Radio (KPBX 91.1 FM) will present a retrospective of their previous Festival Broadcasts from 2000-2019 on Saturday, November 14, and

Sunday, November 15.

The Festival is exploring the possibility of pre-recorded performances selected from this year's applicants to be streamed on our Website and Facebook page. Details will be posted on our website at <https://www.spokanefolkfestival.org> and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Fall-Folk-Festival-Spokane> as they become available.

Fast forward to 2021...the Folk Festival Steering Committee is moving forward with plans for a live festival to celebrate our 25th Anniversary. Updates will be posted as details are available.

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It was in 1980 that my Dad told me about a hall where he and his friends as teenagers took ballroom dance lessons. He remembered fondly sneaking out of really big windows instead of dancing.

Once I saw the Woman's Club hall, I knew that we had found a home for contra dancing in Spokane. It reminded me so much of the New England town halls like those in Francistown, NH and Concord, MA where I had learned to love contra dancing. With its large windows on both sides of the hall, the Woman's Club has been the scene of many wonderful dances for the past 40 years.

But its history doesn't start and stop with us.

In 1890, a group of sixty-five women's clubs banded together to form the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. Today with over 80,000 members, GFWC "support arts, preserve natural resources, advance education, promote healthy lifestyles, encourage civic involvement, and work toward world peace and understanding."

In 1905, the Woman's Club of Spokane was established and affiliated itself with GFWC. Five years later it built a wood frame building on its current site at 9th and Walnut. In 1929, architect Gustav Pehrson designed a brick terra cotta structure around the old building, expanding it to include two auditoriums, two classrooms and a kitchen. Pehrson turns out to be rather significant as he designed the Paulson, Chronicle, and Chancery buildings as well as many private homes on the South Hill.

Now 115 years in Spokane, the Woman's Club needs our help to continue their longtime contribution to Spokane. The board of Spokane Folklore Society has decided to donate \$500. Our goal is for our members to help match this amount so that our community has donated at least \$1000. Please help if you can!

<https://www.spokesman.com/galleries/2020/aug/17/then-and-now-spokane-womans-club/>

Folkstreams, a production from the UNC Folklore Department in Chapel Hill NC. has many very interesting films in this catalogue and their topics span many subjects:

<https://www.folkstreams.net/>

Promoting our Comfort and Security

To promote safety and respect for all, we encourage everyone to become familiar with our Code of Conduct and our Discipline Policy. Both are found on the SFS website home page. Any questions can be referred to our SFS board members.

Support Folklore Society Business Members

Business memberships not only provide valuable support to SFS, but the businesses receive extra benefits. New business members are listed monthly in the newsletter and have links on our website:
www.spokanefolklore.org.

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Spokane Folklore Society Membership

(Full Year: Sept 1 through August 31)

I want to support the Spokane Folklore Society. Please accept my membership:

Check one: New Renewal Address Change Date _____

Name: _____ Evening phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail*: _____ **Email required for electronic newsletter.**

I have read and understand the SFS Code of Conduct - go to SFS website to review

Memberships:

- Individual Electronic \$15
- Family Electronic \$25
- Business Membership \$100

Please include Business Name & Contact info for advertising in newsletter

- I want to get the Electronic Event List(frequent listings of current events)
- I would like to help with the following _____

We may be able to print and mail a limited number of copies for members who do not have email or a computer. If that is your situation, you can let us know by emailing mypokanefolklore@gmail.com or by calling (760) 709-1060.

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